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Community *notes*

Little Patuxent Parkway Construction

The project to mill and repave Little Patuxent Parkway between Cedar Lane and Broken Land Parkway will begin on or about Monday, April 24. With weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed by late June.

Milling and paving operations will take place Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Flagging operations and signs will be in place to direct traffic as needed during construction hours. Motorists are advised to follow the message boards for updates regarding changes to construction hours.

For questions or concerns about Capital Project H-2014, contact Lisa Brightwell, Public Works Customer Service, at 410-313-3440 or [email Public Works](#).

Earth Day is Saturday, April 22

Participate in Earth Day

Visit [Earth Day's official website](#) and browse hundreds of ideas for volunteering, donating, promoting, and advocating for our planet. From there you can register your 'Act of Green' and help this campaign reach 3 billion registered acts of environmentalism this year. Learn about recycling, reducing your carbon foot print, the effects of disposable plastic, and more.

Howard County GreenFest

Join in the fun at Howard Community College from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and celebrate Earth Day with your fellow earth-loving neighbors. This event will have over 75 tables with information on local green businesses and non-profits, a native plant sale, children's activities run by the Robinson Nature Center, free compost bin giveaway and so much more. Visit Howard County's website for more information.

Greetings

Each spring, the Council undertakes its most significant task, review of the annual budget. It is presented in capital and operating expenditures, revenues and fees. You may find the Fiscal Year 2018 proposed budgets [here](#). In addition, the Council reviews the proposed budgets for the School System, Library System and Howard Community College. I encourage you to lend your voice to this process.

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ManneqART Seeks Models

ManneqART has a busy 2017 schedule of events, from April to November, and they need volunteer models. Lots of models!! They need 12 on April 22, 5 on May 18, 6 on June 10, 12 on June 17-18, 50 on June 25, 35 on July 9, etc. Do you like to have fun in front of a camera? Do you like extreme hair and makeup? If your answer is "yes", you'll want to be part of ManneqART!

If you'd like to be a part of the ART, contact manneqart@gmail.com or call (301)778-0616 to tell them what you'd like to do. You'll work with professional hair and makeup stylists and professional photographers as they turn this year's ManneqART Competition entries into "Sculpture on the Human Form." You'll attend all kinds of events and you'll receive the pro photos free of charge. Learn more at www.manneqART.org.



Youth Leadership Workshop

The Howard County Multiservice Center and Dare to Soar LLC are calling all parents, guardians, sons and daughters (ages 8 – 13) to participate in a movement designed to empower young people to be the change they wish to see in the world. This event will take place on Saturday, April 29, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. at the North Laurel Community Center (9411 Whiskey Bottom Rd, Laurel). It is free and open to the public. There will be food, entertainment, motivational programming and much more. To register, visit the Multiservice Center's [website](#).

Blackbird Poetry Festival

The 9th Annual Blackbird Poetry Festival which will take place on Thursday, April 27 at Howard Community College. This all-day event will feature readings and workshops with poets Tyehimba Jess and E. Ethelbert Miller. The festival will also include readings by student poets from HCC and on-campus patrols by the Poetry Police in recognition of National Poem in Your Pocket Day.

Tyehimba Jess will read from and discuss his most recent work, *Olio*, as well as leadbelly, winner of the 2004 National Poetry Series at the Smith Theater at 7:30 p.m. Nightbird admission tickets are \$15 each (students and seniors are \$10) [available on-line](#). A book signing will follow.

For more information, call HoCoPoLitSo at (443) 518-4568, email hocopolitso@yahoo.com, or visit [Howard Community College's website](#).

Head Start Recruitment Underway

Head Start is a federally funded program which promotes school readiness of children ages 3-5 from low-income families through education, health and social services. In Howard County, they serve over 300 families at four centers - three in Columbia and one in Ellicott City. Head Start offers a full-day, year-round program (with transportation to the majority of the students).

Howard County Head Start is recruiting for the current school year which runs through early August - particularly for our Pre-K classes which include students who are 4 years old by September 1, 2016.

Click [here](#) for more information. The application can also be found online at www.cac-hc.org. Contact Head Start at the Community Action Council of Howard County, Inc. at 410-313-6443.

Oceania Celebrates Pacific Cultures

Columbia Association is seeking musicians, dancers, exhibitors, food vendors and volunteers for Oceania CultureFest, celebrating Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, hosted by CA and HC Library System. This free family event will be held Sunday, May 7, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. at Miller Branch. Visit [CA's webpage](#) for the details for performers, exhibitors, food vendors and volunteers.

Police Department Resources and Opportunities

Unwanted Drug Disposal:

Dispose of your expired or unwanted medications year round at one of the Police Departments prescription drug drop off locations. In the wake of a rise in drug misuse and abuse, it is extremely important to dispose of prescription drugs safely and efficiently. The year round drop off locations in the County are at these locations: 3410 Courthouse Dr. in Ellicott City, 11226 Scaggsville Rd. in Laurel and Gary Arthur Community Center 2400 Rt. 97 in Cooksville.

For more information, visit the [Police Department's website](#).

Bike Registration:

Howard County Residents can register their bicycles with the police department for free online. This program is designed to deter bicycle thefts, as well as ensure prompt return of a bicycle if it is recovered by HCPD. Visit the police department's website to register your bikes today. You may contact the Community Outreach Division at 410-313-2207 with any questions.



Police Explorer Post 1952 Youth Program:

This program is specifically tailored for young individuals between the ages of 14 and 20 who are interested in careers in law enforcement. The program goals are designed to develop character in young adults by exposing them to various experiences in the workplace, community service, citizenship, personal fitness, and outdoors. For more information about this opportunity and to register, visit the [Explorer Post's website](#).

Youth Police Academy:

This one week, free, overnight program from July 16-21 is another great opportunity for young people interested in law enforcement careers. This program is designed to help young people explore career and leadership opportunities, life skills, and character education. Applications may be obtained at Howard County Public High Schools or [online](#) and are due on April 28.

P.L.E.D.G.E Camp :

P.L.E.D.G.E Camp is a week-long experience for students entering ninth grade that teaches leadership, communication, teamwork, and decision-making abilities. Through a series of discussions and practical activities, participants learn the value of teamwork and skills that foster leadership. Lessons and activities challenge their ability to make critical decisions, focus on core beliefs and values, recognize diversity and work toward a common goal. For more information on this camp and to register, visit the [police department's website](#).



The Lark Quartet Upcoming Performance



The Lark Quartet will be performing at the Smith Theatre on Saturday, April 29 at 8:00 p.m. This quartet is notorious for its energy, passionate commitment and artistry since its inception in 1985. The Lark Quartet offers

audiences new insights into the art of chamber music through programs that begin with the ensemble virtuosity of the western tradition and continue into recent music from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, all while regularly sharing the stage with dynamic collaborators. This performance is not one to miss!

Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$12 for students, with ages 9-17 free with a paying adult. There will be a pre-concert reception in the lobby at 7:00 p.m. featuring a performance by nine members of the Peabody Pre-College Violin Program. For more information regarding this performance, visit the [Candlelight Concert's website](#).

Help Needed for Bike and Pedestrian Count

Columbia Association and Howard County's Office of Transportation need [volunteers](#) to help count the number of bicyclists and pedestrians on pathways in Columbia and on-street locations along Route 1.

The counts will be conducted between Saturday, May 27 and Saturday, June 3. This information will give CA and the Howard County Government a better understanding of the number and the demographics of people who walk and cycle along these routes, validating the impact of past improvements and informing future infrastructure investments.

Please click [here](#) by Friday, May 12 to sign up to volunteer. Selecting more than one date and time is welcome and encouraged. The earlier you sign up, the more likely you are to get the count locations you desire!

A training session will be offered for new Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Program volunteers on Thursday, May 18 from 6:30-7:30pm at Columbia Association Headquarters (6310 Hillside Court, Columbia).

Young Leaders Opportunity

HopeWorks is now accepting applications for the 2017/2018 school year Youth Leadership Project! This is a great opportunity for girls, trans*, and non-binary teens between the ages of 14-18 who are interested in being a part of an empowering group dedicated to challenging oppression, raising awareness, and learning more about how to prevent dating violence and sexual assault. What a great opportunity to give back to our community and learn more about how to be a leader and speak out on behalf of others. For more information and to fill out an application, [visit HopeWorks' website](#).

Parenting on the Same Page

As parents, being on the same page can be tough. With different upbringings, personalities and opinions, parents strive to be united for their children. Kids are great observers of their parents and their environments and hear more than we realize. It's important to create a family unit that presents the best information for kids.



When: Thursday, April 27, 2017; 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Location: Cradlerock Elementary School, 6700 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045

Cost: FREE! Space is limited and registration is required!

Who Should Attend: Parents and Guardians; Child care available upon request during registration (2 yrs. and older) [Register Online](#) for Parenting on the Same Page Register By Phone (voice/relay): 410-313-1940.

Teens, Build Your Confidence, Land A New Job

Attend this workshop to learn: Strategies on how to make decisions to be on the same page, Create plans for your family that focus on creating responsible, successful and emotionally secure children, Learn co-parent strategies to create a stable foundation in one or two homes and how to manage children's reactions when there are significant life changes.

Is there a teen or two in your life who is seeking a summer job? If so, Howard County Recreation and Parks is hosting a Job Skills Workshop for Teens on Saturday, April 29, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Roger Carter Community Center (3000 Milltowne Drive, Ellicott City). The cost is \$35 per person.

This one-day workshop for teens 15-18 will feature resume writing, job search strategies, how to successfully complete an application, dressing for success, interview tips and much more. Register [online](#) today and be ready to land that new job!

Look for more programs and special events at Howard County Recreation and Parks [website](#).



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